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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 cancelled without prejudice.

5. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface for organizing and presenting information relating to the interpretation of multiple information elements from at least one reference source comprising:

an array having a first predetermined number of rows and a second

5 predetermined number of columns defining matrix elements at the intersections of the rows and columns, wherein each of one of the first predetermined number of rows and the second predetermined number of columns of the matrix correspond to an information element and each of the other of the first predetermined number of rows and the second predetermined number of columns correspond to the at least one reference source, and wherein the matrix elements contain 10 a link to a reference location within the at least one reference source relating to the interpretation of an information element and setting the link to null if no information relating to the interpretation of the information element exists in the at least one reference source; and

a customizable workspace viewable by a user wherein the links within the array can be selectively activated and viewed by the user;

15 wherein the customizable workspace further comprises a first border,
wherein the first border contains headings corresponding to the multiple information elements,
and a second border, wherein the second border contains headings corresponding to the at least
one reference source; and

20 wherein a user can display the reference information contained by a
particular link in the array by clicking on one of the headings in the first border and one of the
headings on the second border, wherein the link corresponding to the array element is thereby
activated.

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Claims 6-9 cancelled without prejudice.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9-23 wherein the multiple information elements comprise patent claim elements.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one reference source comprises at least one item selected from the group consisting of a patent specification, patent claims, patent drawings, a prosecution history and at least one prior art document.

Claims 12-17 cancelled without prejudice.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9-23 wherein the at least one reference source comprises at least one item selected from the group consisting of a patent specification, patent claims, patent drawings, a prosecution history and at least one prior art document.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23 9 and further comprising at least one data file representative of the information contained in the at least one reference source.

Claims 20-22 cancelled without prejudice.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for organizing information relating to the interpretation of multiple information elements from at least one reference source comprising:
a matrix having a first predetermined number of rows and a second predetermined number of columns defining matrix elements at the intersections of the rows and columns,
wherein each of one of the first predetermined number of rows and the second predetermined number of columns of the matrix correspond to an information element and each of the other of the first predetermined number of rows and the second predetermined number of columns correspond to the at least one reference source; and
wherein each of the matrix elements comprises one of:
 a reference location value representative of a location within the at least one reference source relating to the interpretation of the corresponding information element; and
 a null value if no information relating to the interpretation of the information element exists in the at least one reference source;

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15 a graphical user interface having a customizable workspace viewable by a user
 wherein the reference location values within the matrix can be selectively activated and the
 corresponding information in the corresponding at least one reference source can be viewed by the
 user, wherein the customizable workspace further comprises a first border, wherein the first
 border contains links corresponding to the multiple information elements, and a second border,
 wherein the second border contains links corresponding to the at least one reference source. The
20 system of claim 22 wherein a user can display the reference information contained by a particular
 link in the matrix by clicking on one of the link in the first border and one of the headings on the
 second border, wherein the link corresponding to the matrix element is thereby activated;
 whereby the location in the at least one reference source corresponding to the
 interpretation of a particular information element can be found at the matrix element at the
25 intersection in the matrix of the row corresponding to the information element to be interpreted
 and the column corresponding to the at least one reference source.

24. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 5 wherein the multiple information elements comprise patent claim elements.

25. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 24 wherein the at least one reference source comprises at least one item selected from the group consisting of a patent specification, patent claims, patent drawings, a prosecution history and at least one prior art document.

26. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 5 wherein the at least one reference source comprises at least one item selected from the group consisting of a patent specification, patent claims, patent drawings, a prosecution history and at least one prior art document.

27. (New) The graphical user interface of claim 5 and further comprising at least one data file representative of the information contained in the at least one reference source.